

Schools Hampered Insufficient Funds Progress Threatened

From the Northfield Schools Bulletin which has just been issued for January, comes a frank statement regarding the situation which faces the Northfield schools at the present time. Recovery since the depression has been slow and progress is threatened by a deficit. The statement as issued reads:

"The Northfield Schools have never filled so important a place in the field of education as today. Certainly there has never been a greater demand for admission. Never have the accommodations been taxed as they are now.

There are good reasons for this situation. The Schools cater to families of high ideals and low incomes — parents trying to give their children every advantage but able to do little more than clothe and feed them, and to young people who have been left to provide for themselves.

The economic period through which we have been passing has added many to this group. Many formerly in comfortable circumstances have become little more than self-sustaining. Our student waiting lists reflect this condition and the calls for special scholarship aid have increased tremendously.

Naturally, the Schools have been unable to build up a financial reserve to fall back on in times of depression. Every dollar of income has gone into lives.

But a reserve far safer and far more enduring than trust funds and bank deposits has been accumulated: the goodwill and generosity of the friends and alumni of the Northfield Schools, and these splendid assets have made it possible to continue this vital service to youth in spite of added demands, rising prices, and drastically lowered income from our modest endowment.

But our friends and alumni have suffered, too, and although gifts have been as generous as ever the net amount has decreased to the extent that the Schools closed the fiscal year ending last June 30 with a deficit of \$23,500.

We are now just halfway through the present fiscal year and the prospects financially are far from bright. The lot of those whom the Schools aim to serve has not improved appreciably, prices continue to rise and the gradual improvement in endowment income has not been felt to any great extent.

But the boundless faith in God and fellowmen that actuated Mr. D. L. Moody in founding the Schools has been amply justified during these 56 years and we have no reason to doubt that the 1,128 boys and girls now enrolled will be taken care of as were their 25,000 predecessors. Nor do we doubt that the ambitious youths already applying for admission next fall will be granted an opportunity for a wholesome Christian education."

Rev. Albert B. Kettell, pastor of the Shelburne Falls Congregational Church since November, 1933, has resigned. His future plans are not announced.

Northfield Grangers Chosen As Officers Of Valley Pomona

Three members of the Northfield Grange were installed as officers of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange in the hall of Guiding Star Grange at Greenfield last Friday afternoon. The installation was conducted by Charles M. Gardner of Westfield, High Priest of Demeter of the National Grange.

Roy Franklin of Bernardston was installed as Master; Aubrey C. Reid, Greenfield, overseer; Oramel S. Bickford, Greenfield, lecturer; Mark Wright, Northfield, steward; Gilbert Ross, Montague, assistant steward; Mae E. Fuchs, Montague, chaplain; Dorothy L. Miller, Northfield, secretary; Eugene Turner, Bernardston, gatekeeper; Carrie E. Bickford, Greenfield, Ceres; Thelma W. Cowan, Greenfield, Pomona; Florabelle Franklin, Bernardston, Flora; Gertrude Gilson, Northfield, lady assistant steward; Albert Clark, Montague, executive committee, three years.

At the morning session reports were read by the officers, and the master's and lecturer's reports of the State Grange session. Dinner was served at noon by the members of Guiding Star Lodge.

Crossmore Gets Box; Shipment Appreciated

The box of clothing, shoes, etc., shipped from Northfield to the Crossmore School in North Carolina has arrived at its destination and Mrs. William F. Hoehn has received this most interesting acknowledgment from Miss Naomi Foster, the Sales Secretary.

School began again yesterday, (Jan. 7) amidst a great ice storm. It was hard to believe that any bus could get over the roads, they were so icy. But they finally made the trip, although only about half of the children got in. And today the sun shines, turning our little village into a muddy place indeed.

We are mighty grateful for the box which came by express from Northfield. Freight was checked in last Saturday — another of the real wintry days which make you wonder how a truck ever got twelve miles down the mountain. But we were so happy to have the things it brought, for they mean "New Lives," — food, clothing — for the kiddies and happiness for many.

There is one mother in the village who gets the oldest, most ragged coats she can find at the Sale, makes them over into little jackets for her students. We pay her thru the Sales, and she is thus able to buy clothing for her own family. And so it goes at Crossmore — all work together.

* FORTNIGHTLY *

A meeting of the Northfield Woman's Fortnightly club will be held this Friday afternoon in Alexander Hall when Mrs. H. H. Morse will give her talk on "A Summer in Yorkshire."

On Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, January 24, the club will meet at the Homestead with Mrs. W. B. Moody, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody will lead a study of "Biographies."

Conference Dates Are Made Public For Coming Summer

Thousands are waiting and anxious to learn early each year of the fixed dates for the summer conferences at the grounds of the Northfield Seminary. The usual conferences will be held this summer by the various organizations with the addition of the large gathering of the Young People's United Presbyterian Conference in August. The Executive Committee on the General Conference are busily engaged now in perfecting all details for that gathering and soon will make some statement as to the list of speakers secured. The Conference dates are as follows:

Northfield Girls' Conference, June 22-29.

Northfield Missionary Conference, July 6-14.

Conference of Religious Education, July 14-25.

Christian Endeavor Conference, July 27-August 3.

Westminster Choir Summer School, July 28-August 17.

Northfield General Conference, August 1-17.

United Presbyterian (Young People's) Conference, August 19-24.

Church Women To Hold Session

On January 29, when the women of the Congregational churches of the County gather for their mid-winter luncheon meeting, at the First Church in Greenfield, they will have the outstanding woman minister of the denomination in the New England area—Mrs. Hilda Ives, of Portland, Me., who is one of the staff of a Larger Parish in that state, and connected with rural work throughout New England. Mrs. Ives is a woman of rare spiritual power and charm, wise in her experience of both city and country churches, and much sought for as a speaker among all sections of this country.

In the morning at eleven the women are to meet Mrs. Ives for an informal discussion of the goals of work in our churches, and the methods which may best achieve these aims. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 and Mrs. Ives will speak at the close of the luncheon, so that adjournment will be by 2:30. A delicious luncheon will be served by the women of the First Church for 35 cents. While this meeting is especially for officers, in the various churches of the county, others who are interested will be welcomed.

Noted Traveler Coming To Local Church

On January 26, Miss Eleanor Wilson, who is sailing in February for Kusaie, one of the Caroline Group of Micronesian Islands, where since 1932 the American Board has maintained mission work, comes to be the guest of the women of the North Church. She will speak at the Sunday evening service in which she will tell of the unique work carried on in these islands, and also of the relation to them of Japan, which nation now holds a mandate for them.

Miss Wilson has been for five years in Japan, and now goes to Micronesia, to be associated with two of the outstanding women of the Board, the Misses Jane and Elizabeth Baldwin of Newark, N. J. These women went to this remote station in 1908, at their own expense, to have charge of the schools and also the press. By their patient effort the Bible was finally completely translated and printed, for this island people, and through these years the devoted women have never returned to their native land. For a number of years the women of this County have interested themselves in the Baldwin sisters, and have received letters from them, and have sent gifts.

Since Miss Wilson goes now to this field there is a plan to have a shower of remembrances, brought in at the Union Meeting on January 22 for Miss Wilson to take to these women who have now retired after 35 years of service, but who plan to remain with their loved people to the end.

In the earlier years of this mission the only communication with the world was by means of sailing vessels, and these years in this contact there were five ships bearing the name "The Morning Star" built between 1836 and 1904, visiting the islands yearly. All are welcome to attend this meeting on Sunday evening, January 26 and to participate in the gifts for the Baldwin sisters on the 22nd, at the Union Meeting of the North Church women.

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This issue of the Northfield Press is the work of the Transcrypt Press at Athol, from where it will now be issued hereafter. The editor is indebted to all those connected with this successful printing concern for their efforts to make the production of the Press such a signal success.

The Town Finances In Good Condition Say State Auditors

Mr. Fred A. Holton as chairman of the Northfield Board of Selectmen has received the report of the State Audit made recently and it finds "the finances of the town in excellent condition." It will be printed in full in the annual Town Report.

Our town officials have rendered complete and satisfactory service and they should be congratulated by our citizens for the faithful performance of their duties.

High School Girls Seek Pants Wear

The story is going the rounds that the local High School girls want to wear pants, just like brother or to be more exact—the regular ski suits with jacket and full length pantaloons. This cold weather with its stormy sessions chill the young ladies in their ordinary dress but they feel they would be more comfortable if they might be privileged to wear these sport garments to school and during school hours. The Principal of the school has informed them only ordinary dress must be worn during school hours and now about thirty of the school girls have petitioned the School Board for a ruling on the matter. Evidently the young ladies are panting for pants and want them to wear themselves.

Northfield Joins County With Ball

For the past two years Northfield has held a President's Birthday Ball in Town Hall with considerable success and a marked social event. However, this year the Committee in charge with Lawrence D. Quinlan its chairman have voted to accept the invitation of the Greenfield Committee to unite with it in a County affair at the Armory in Greenfield and to cancel arrangements tentatively made for Northfield in the Town Hall as previously announced. Chairman Quinlan will name two citizens on the General County Committee to represent Northfield.

New Power Line To Northfield Farms

For some time workmen have been engaged in the erection of poles and the stringing of a cable from Millers Falls to Northfield. The line is to be used for the purpose of supplying electric current to Northfield in addition to the present supply which comes through Bernardston. It is for use in emergencies in case the present line is put out of order.

* CHURCH SERVICES *

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

REV. W. STANLEY CARNE

Sunday School at ten o'clock.

Preaching Service at eleven o'clock. Special Anthem by the choir, the subject of the sermon will be "Queens at War."

Sunday School at The Farms at two o'clock.

Sunday School at No. Three at two-thirty.

Preaching Service at The Farms at three o'clock.

At seven o'clock the Senior Endeavor will meet in the vestry.

At eight o'clock the regular preaching service.

Wednesday at 4:45 the Women's Societies of the Church will meet in the vestry for their Annual Meeting; Business meeting at 5 o'clock; Supper at 6; the meeting of the Societies follows with reports from each, also an illustrated lecture on the near South.

Thursday at 7:30 the regular weekly prayer service at the Homestead followed by the choir rehearsal.

Sunday evening, Jan. 26 at 7:30 union service of the Senior Endeavor and the Church, when Miss Eleanor Willson from Japan, who is going to Micronesia will speak, everybody should attend.

"True Peace is the blessing of the Gospel, and only of the Gospel."

SOUTH CHURCH

REV. MARY ANDREW CONNERS

Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Church School, 10:45 a. m., Church worship. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Living Above the Snake Line."

SOUTH VERNON CHURCH

REV. GEORGE A. GRAY

Morning worship 10:45 o'clock Sunday school 12:15 p. m., Evening Song Service 7 o'clock, worship 7:30.

Mid-week Service Vernon Home, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

REV. JAMES I. MITCHELL

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

Samuel U. Streeter Now Heads Board Of County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County has a new chairman, Mr. Samuel U. Streeter of Greenfield, who succeeds A. C. Burnham of Montague. The annual meeting of the Commissioners was held late last week at the Court House when regular business was transacted. The other members of the Board



are Mr. Burnham and Mr. Carlos Allen of Deerfield, Mr. Hugh E. Adams, clerk of courts, is the secretary to the Board.

Streeter was appointed and qualified Aug. 23, 1933, to fill the unexpired term of Frank Gerrett, long a member of the board, who died that year, and in 1934 was elected to a four-year term. He has long been prominent in local Republican activities, was chairman of the Republican town committee from 1922 to 1926 and was re-elected to that post last month.

Mr. Streeter is well known in Northfield and has many friends here. Citizens of the county are looking forward to a businesslike administration of County affairs on an economical basis.

The Travel Folders Issued By A. Y. H.

The travel folder of the American Youths Hostel movement has been issued and is being sent through the mails to all members by the Directors Monroe and Isabel Smith who will accompany the group going to Europe from June 26 to September 2. The cost to each of the young folks for the trip is about \$290. They travel in small groups to visit Germany, France, England, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and Poland.

The travel folder is an interesting bit of work, very attractive and most alluring to those of our younger folk who have the "wanderlust" and want to hike or bike among foreign places.

1935 Roll Call Local Red Cross

Mr. Ambert G. Moody, chairman of the local Red Cross has made his first report to headquarters and it is interesting to have the result of the local activity as compared to the year previous. The whole committee have done splendid work and Mr. Moody desires to express his personal appreciation to each member.

Memberships secured were 328 for 1935. It was 331 in 1934. Contributing membership, one in 1935, one in 1934. Sustaining memberships, one in 1935, none in 1934. Total memberships, 1935, 330, 1934, 332. Membership receipts, 1935, \$343; 1934, \$336. General contributions were \$55.03; 1934, \$70.34. Total receipts \$398.03 for 1935, in 1934 it was \$406.34. Of the above amount Northfield Seminary contributed this year 1935, \$128.40 as compared with \$104.40 in 1934.

Thanks and appreciation are due all who made the roll call of the American Red Cross such a splendid success.

School Calendar of Hermon - Seminary

Important events have been designated on the calendar for the students of both Mount Hermon School and the Northfield Seminary and it may be of much interest to many others who wish to have these dates in mind as forthcoming periods of much interest. On February 5 will be observed Founders Day; the spring recess for the Seminary from March 20 to April 2, for Mount Hermon from March 21 to 30; Alumni Counsellor's Day, Mount Hermon, April 19; Tree Day, Northfield Seminary, May 16; Sacred Concert, May 17; Commencement, Northfield Seminary June 5-8 and for Mount Hermon, June 6-8.

On Wednesday, James Armand, member of the American Olympic Biking Team of 1924, rode on his bike from Hartford, Ct., to the Northfield Youth Hostel in five hours, had lunch at the hostel, and biked back to Hartford in the afternoon.

Nominations Are Made For The Town Offices At Well Attended Caucus

To Aid Seniors P-T. A. Will Plan

On Friday evening, February 7, the Parent-Teacher Union is to sponsor an entertainment in the Town Hall for the benefit of the High School Seniors' Washington trip. The association has engaged Christine Coleman Ostberg of Orange to give "The Barrett's of Wimpole Street." There will also be a number of dances by members of Miss Bagley's dancing class, and musical selections are being planned.

The High School pupils, under the leadership of Miss Lawley and Mr. Cobb, are actively engaged in the making and selling of tickets for the affair, and are making posters. It is hoped that the townspeople will encourage the efforts of the P-T. A. and the seniors to guarantee the Washington trip, by attending the entertainment in large numbers.

John H. Black

The community was shocked last Saturday afternoon to hear of the death of Mr. John H. Black at his home on Maple street from pneumonia after a brief illness at the age of 53 years.

Mr. Black was born in Newburg, N. Y., March 8, 1882, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Black. He married Helen Cooley in Greenfield, May 17, 1905. For many years he was employed by the Boston & Maine railroad and lived in Greenfield. Twenty-two years ago he removed to Northfield and purchased the farm where he has resided.

Surviving are his widow and eight children, Kenneth, Herbert, Julia, Watson, Alice, Hazel, Wayne, and William Black, all of this town. Five brothers, William, Alfred, and Louise, live in Leyden, Howard in Pownal, Vt., and Arthur, in Greenfield. There are also four sisters, Mrs. Agnes Devy of Orange, Mrs. Margaret Woodard of Forestville, Conn., Mrs. Nellie Bullington of Millersburg, Pa., and Mrs. LeRoy Reynolds of Greenfield. Also his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Black of Greenfield.

Funeral services were held at the Kidder funeral parlors, Northfield, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiated.

Mrs. Mary Houghton

Mrs. Mary Leora Houghton, widow of Rev. John C. Houghton, died last Thursday night in her 96th year at her home on Main street in East Northfield, after a long and lingering illness.

Mrs. Houghton was born in Goshen on March 28, 1840, the daughter of John Milton Smith and Orra (Dickinson) Smith. She was of old Colonial stock, for both the Dickinson and Smith families originated with settlers who colonized Norwalk and New Haven, Conn., in 1637 and 1638.

She was married to Rev. John C. Houghton in 1870 and with him went to the home mission field in Arizona and New Mexico. Her husband also held several pastorates in Vermont. After Rev. Houghton died in 1900, she lived in various localities and visited Jamaica, British West Indies, and spent several months in New York. In 1903 Mrs. Houghton purchased the house in East Northfield where she lived until her death.

The funeral service was held at her late home on Saturday afternoon with Rev. W. Stanley Carne of the Congregational church officiating. The body was taken to Harvard for burial there in the cemetery beside the body of her husband.

The Garden Club

The Northfield Garden Club will meet next Monday evening, Jan. 20, with Mrs. Martin Vorce. Each member will bring a box supper as in the summer, also a cup, plate and silver. Scalloped oysters and coffee will be on sale at cost. Members are requested to let Mrs. Vorce know if they intend coming in ample time for the preparation of the food.

The program, which will follow supper, is to be on roses. Origin and history, by Mrs. Mildred Addison. Varieties, Miss Daisy Holton. Diseases and Insect Enemies, Prof. Gordon Pyrr. Culture and Pruning, Mr. Joseph Field. Supper will be from 6:30 to 7:00 with the program following.

Among those who helped to bring holiday cheer to New York's millions was Miss Jessie Craig Adam, carillonneur of the Church of the Ascension in lower Fifth Avenue. There are two other women carillonneurs in the United States, both in Massachusetts. Mrs. Dorothy Birchard Mulrooney of Springfield, and Mrs. Ruth Muzzy Conniston of Cambridge.

School Board Member Declines Renomination

The Caucus of the town for the nomination of officers to be chosen on town meeting day was held Wednesday evening in the town hall and despite the very severe stormy weather and the slippery condition of the roads brought out a good-sized audience. There were no hard-fought contests and the regrettable incident that marked the meeting was the decision of Mrs. Frank H. Montague to decline a renomination to the school board after many years of self-sacrificing hard work. Mrs. Josephine Haskell as Town Clerk, called the meeting to order and Mr. William F. Hoehn was chosen chairman and Mr. Lester A. Polhemus as secretary. Tellers named by the chairman were: William H. Dalton and Miss Mildred Addison. The result of the meeting by ballot was the nominating of the following persons for the offices indicated:

Town Clerk for one year, Mrs. Josephine Haskell, clerk cast ballot.

Town Treasurer for one year, Leon R. Alexander, clerk cast ballot.

Tax Collector for one year, Charles F. Slate, 49 votes.

Selectmen three for one year, Fred A. Holton, 59; Edward Morgan, 51; George W. Cal, 49. Charles S. Tenney, 32; Ralph O. Leach, 31; Herman Fisher, 31; George Sheldon, 17.

Assessor, one for three years, Charles S. Tenney, 22; Fred S. Merrifield, 15; Frank H. Montague, 3.

Moderator, for one year, S. E. Walker, clerk cast ballot.

Library Trustees, two for three years, F. L. Duley, 45; C. Ina Merriman, 32; Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge, 20; Dr. A. H. Wright, 11; William H. Dalton, 5.

School Committee, one for years, Mrs. Dorothy Miller, clerk cast ballot.

Cemetery Commissioner, one for three years, C. C. Morgan, clerk cast ballot.

Constables three for one year, Harry M. Haskell, 42; Martin F. Vorce, 42; Herman Miner, 35; T. F. Darby, 30; Ernest Howard, 29; George McGowan, 6.

Constable (Farms), for one year, Sam F. Alexander, clerk cast ballot.

Tree Warden for one year, Frances Reed, 10; Dean Williams, 6.

Upon motion the Selectmen and officers of the caucus were empowered to fill vacancies.

Against New Deal State Registers Vote

Massachusetts with 80.3 per cent against, most vehemently of all state, registered its opposition to the New Deal as the Literary Digest poll revealed a national total of 1,688,462 ballots cast with 61.89 of them unfavorable to President Roosevelt's policies.

Thirty-six states with 399 of the 531 electoral votes disapproved of the President's policies in the latest returns.

Massachusetts is the only state registering more than 80 per cent against the New Deal. The five other New England states, New York and New Jersey, are shown voting between 70 and 80 per cent negatively.

Brotherhood Session Meets Next Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Northfield Brotherhood will be held next Tuesday evening at the Congregational church vestry. Supper will be served at 6:30. Rev. Harvey M. Eastman of Slatersville, Rhode Island, an old Hermonite and favorite speaker on many occasions, will address the Brotherhood on the subject of "Fool's Gold." Mr. Eastman is minister of the Slatersville Congregational church, and as a speaker he is well known for his wit, oratory, and forcefulness. He has had four boys graduate from Mount Hermon, with a fifth in school now. A daughter was graduated from the Seminary two years ago. Professor Frank Duley will talk on current events.

Supper A Success

On last Tuesday evening the members of the Trinitarian Congregational Church Choir held a Birthday Cafeteria supper in the church vestry. The four long tables were appropriately decorated to represent the twelve months. On each table was a very attractively decorated cake to represent the seasons. These cakes were made by members in the choir. A vote of appreciation and thanks is extended to all those who in any way helped make this supper a success.

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Runner, 7.9x2.6	\$20	Reg. \$250	
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LOCALS

Monroe Smith, director of the
American Youth Hostel move-
ment, spoke to a group of mem-
bers of Dorothy Quincy Hancock
Chapter, D. A. R., at Greenfield
last Thursday afternoon. He told
of the most recent plans of the
movement in this section of the
country and illustrated his talk
with pictures of the hostels in
the loop through New Hamp-
shire and Vermont.

Representatives of the income
tax division of the state depart-
ment of taxation will visit Frank-
lin County during January and
February to assist taxpayers in
filling their returns. The places
and time when such visits will
be made are Greenfield, Jan. 13,
20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 19, 24, from
9 a. m. to 4 p. m. at the town hall.

Miss Caroline B. Lane informs
the Press that the poem "Make
new friends, etc." which was
published recently as author un-
known was from the pen of Dr.
Henry Van Dyke.

The Ladies' Benevolent Soci-
ety of Northfield Farms will hold
their next regular meeting on
Wednesday, January 22.

A handbook of all Youths Hos-
tels in America with a map
showing locations and routes
that may be chosen for travel
will be issued by Monroe and
Isabel Smith the American Di-
rectors from the National Head-
quarters in Northfield about
May first.

Last week in Washington be-
fore the House Ways and Means
Committee it was revealed that
Irving N. Esleek as President of
the Esleek Mfg. Co., received
\$24,000 salary in 1934. W. H.
Croft, vice-president, \$24,000; F.
R. Andrews, treasurer and B. P.
Weston, secretary, each \$14,000.
Frederick H. Payne as chairman
of the Board of the Greenfield
Tap and Die Corp. received
\$20,538, and Charles N. Stoddard
President, \$20,541.

The first "snow train" to pass
through Northfield will be on
Sunday (January 19). This train
scheduled to start from New
Haven will take on passengers
enroute and take the excursion-
ists to Brattleboro where the Out-
ing Club will entertain them with
winter sports. The B. & M. R. R.
and New Haven R. R. are spon-
soring the excursion.

Paul Jordan, agent for the
Chevrolet, says that General Mo-
tors made sales of 1,278,996 cars
in 1935.

Rev. Dr. Elliot W. Brown gave
a most fitting address last Sun-
day morning at the Millers Falls
Congregational Church on the
organization of the "King's
Daughters" which organization
celebrated its golden jubilee this
year.

Prof. Frank L. Duley will
speak at the Second Congrega-
tional Church Parish House in
Greenfield, Friday, Jan. 24 at the
inauguration of the Institute of
Religious Education.

Mr. Lewis Wood of Northfield
Farms will represent the Fuller
Brush Co. in the Northfield ter-
ritory.

The assessors of Northfield
have begun their annual listing
of all persons and valuing all
property in the town. It is ex-
pected that it will take at least
10 days or two weeks before the
work is completed.

The Northfield bowling team
maintains its standing at the
head of the column of the Coun-
ty League although they are be-
ing closely pressed by South
Deerfield. Porter, Ware, and
Gingras are among the leaders
making high scores.

The Springfield - Northfield
Club held its January meeting
at the Springfield Y. W. C. A.
rooms last Monday evening. The
speakers were Miss Hilda Pat-
erson of Springfield and Mrs. I. I.
Chamberlin of Agawam who
spoke of their observations in
traveling.

The Women's Literary Soci-
ety of Mount Hermon held a most
interesting meeting with Mrs.
Louis E. Smith last week Thurs-
day.

The Woman's Missionary So-
ciety of Mount Hermon held a
mother's meeting yesterday,
Thursday, at Ford Cottage, when
Miss Adelaide Hood, Agent for
Franklin County of the S. P. C.
C. spoke of her work in this
county.

Mr. Gaylord W. Douglass was
the preacher last Sunday morn-
ing at Mount Hermon Memorial
Chapel and Mr. George Pohl-
mann was the preacher at Ves-
pers. Next Sunday morning Rev.
Lester F. White will preach and
there will be communion. In the
afternoon Mr. Coleman Jennings
will speak.

Many listened in on the radio
Wednesday noon to hear Dr.
Robert E. Speer speak on "Re-
ligion in Education" before a
meeting of the Church Boards
of Education.

A son was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Lanoue on the Plains Road
last Monday evening.

The Mother's Society will hold
their regular meeting jointly on
Wednesday evening, Jan. 22 with
the Women's United Societies of
the Trinitarian church. Mrs.
George Norton, president, is ar-
ranging the program assisted by
Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mrs.

Fred Pallam, Mrs. Ralph Forsaith,
Mrs. Stanley Carne and Mrs.
Bernard Whitney.

While coasting on a hill at the
rear of his home on the Hinsdale
road last Tuesday, Philip Howe,
age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ar-
thur Howe, suffered a fractured
left forearm near the wrist. He
was taken to Farren hospital by
Dr. Wright for treatment and
later to his home.

The Friendly Class of the Trin-
itarian Congregational church
will hold their monthly social
and business meeting at the home
of Mrs. Bernard Whitney on
Pine street. Mrs. Mabel Make-
peace will speak and Mrs.
Harry James and Mrs. Paul
Chamberlain will assist the hos-
tesses.

The story of a modern girl
with a super-charged temper
who meets and loves a man who
prefers fighting to eating will be
brought to the screen of the Au-
ditorium Theatre, Brattleboro,
next Monday in "The Bride
Comes Home," with Claudette
Colbert and Fred MacMurray in
the featured roles.

The Northfield basketball team
played the Wendell team last
Monday evening in Hibernian
Hall at Turners Falls and won
easily by a score of 27 to 10.
Buffum and Streeter were the
"go-getters" for Northfield.

The Connecticut Valley branch
of the Foreign Policy Associa-
tion is presenting Raymond
Leslie Buell at its third public
luncheon discussion to be held
at the Hotel Kimball, Springfield
on Saturday at noon. Northfield
members have been notified of
the meeting.

The Girl Scout Troop commit-
tee will meet on Wednesday
evening, Jan. 22 at 7:30 o'clock
at the home of the chairman,
Mrs. Charles Kehl.

Mrs. H. H. Chamberlin reports a
Caterpillar crawling on the ice
near her home on Tuesday.
Probably came out for a sun
bath.

The State Superintendent of
Old Age Assistance says that
Massachusetts has 24,819 per-
sons seventy years of age or
older in the state who receive an
average of \$25.50 monthly for
old age pensions.

Plan Study Retreat For Cong. Ministers

The second annual study-re-
treat for New England Congre-
gational ministers will be held
at First Congregational church
in Springfield on February 10
and 11. The retreat is sponsored
by the Congregational-Christian
commission on evangelism. The
general theme will be "Study of
the Great Truths of Christian-
ity."

The conference will open
Monday afternoon, February 10,
at 1:30 with an address by Rev.
Dr. Boynton Merrill of West
Newton on "Jesus Christ, His
Son, Our Lord." At the evening
session at 7:30 that night, Rev.
Dr. John C. Schroeder of Port-
land, Me., will speak on "The
Impact of Jesus Christ on the
Thought and Life of the World."
Speakers at the second
day's session will include
Rev. Dr. Raymond Calkins of
First Congregational Church at
Cambridge and Rev. Dr. Gaius
Glenn Atkins, professor of hom-
iletics and sociology at Auburn
Theological Seminary. Dr. At-
kins will also serve as confer-
ence chaplain.

Following each address there
will be a discussion period with
the following leaders: Dean
Luther Allan Weigle of Yale Di-
vinity School, at Union Theo-
logical Seminary; and Rev. Dr.
Atkins, Dr. Eugene W. Lyman,
Professor of the Philosophy of
Religion, Dr. Marion J. Brad-
shaw of Bangor, Me., Professor
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Bangor Theological Seminary.

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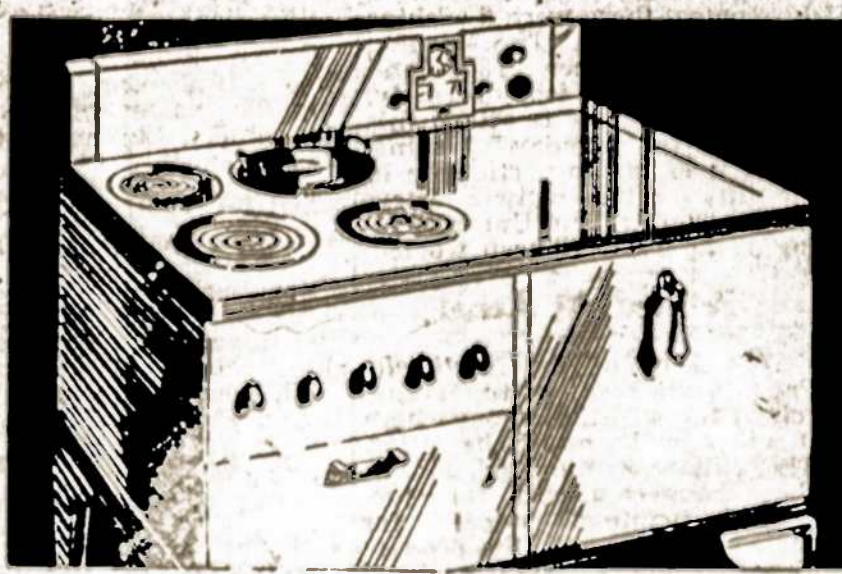
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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunnell and Leon Dunnell started on a motor journey last week for a visit to Florida.

Ralph Reed who is a student at Massachusetts State College at Amherst was pledged to the Greek letter fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa, last week.

In a message to friends here Mrs. O. E. Coburn writes from Orlando that they are having most delightful summer weather and beautiful moonlight evenings.

Capt. Bob Bartlett, famous Arctic explorer and alumnus of Bowdoin college, gave a lecture on his Arctic travels to the Mt. Hermon students at Camp Hall last Saturday evening.

Mr. Douglas V. Speere of Haverford college in Pennsylvania, was in Northfield last Sunday and was the speaker to the Seminary students in Sage Chapel in the morning.

Mr. Miles Morgan is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. Charles J. Gilbert who is very ill at his home at Northfield Farms is reported as improving.

Mr. Ross L. Spencer who has been at his home for a time expected to be back at his desk soon.

Mr. Fred H. Doolittle our Town Auditor is serving as a juror in the present session of the Superior Court.

Mr. Alfred E. Holton of West Northfield is attaining public recognition as a coon hunter for a picture of himself, his two dogs and the pelts of some 22 coons were published in the Springfield Republican last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith were speakers before the Greenfield Central P. T. A. last evening (Thursday).

Everett Danforth, well known local young man left on Wednesday for a trip to California where he hopes to secure employment and make it his home. His friends wish him every success.

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the aid and comfort extended to us by neighbors and friends during our recent sorrow, and also for the beautiful floral tributes and especially for the exquisite wreath of immortelles from the neighbors.

The Allison Families and

Mrs. Houghton's Household

HERMON NEWS

At Mount Hermon at assembly last Saturday, Thoburn Lyons of Berlin, N. H., spoke as the school delegate to the Student Volunteer Convention at Indianapolis during the Christmas holidays. Dr. Paul Braisted of the Bible department, another delegate, was also a speaker. It was at Mt. Hermon in 1886 that the world-wide student volunteer movement was founded; and for that reason, the school was asked to send a delegate from the student body to the convention, which was attended by 2800 students from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Gaylord W. Douglass, '98, secretary of the New England Council for Prevention of War, addressed the students at the morning service in Memorial Chapel. At the Vesper Service, George Pohlmann, a member of the Bible department was the speaker. Carlton W. L'Hommiedieu, organist gave a recital at the close of vespers. A tea was given in the social hall for all students living outside New England and New York.

Next Saturday evening the classes of the Northfield Schools will hold a joint party on the Seminary campus. After an early supper the couples will dance to the rhythm of the Hermon Knights and following will attend a play to be given by the Tau Pi players at Silverthorne Hall.

Last Saturday evening the Junior class of Mt. Hermon were hosts to their sister class of the Seminary at a party on Hermon's campus which was attended by fifty-eight couples. After a delicious meal the merrymakers attended a dance at the "Y" building, with music by the Hermon Knights. From the "Y" they went to Camp Hall, where Captain Bob Bartlett, Arctic explorer, gave an interesting lecture illustrated with movies. Among the class honoraries present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert, Seminary honoraries present were: Miss Jean Allen, Miss Virginia Wells, and Miss Winn Claird, also class teachers.

Frank J. Partel, of Allentown, Pa., was recently appointed varsity basketball coach. Partel is well known in the basketball world, beginning his career as captain of his high school team which was Lehigh Valley champion for several years. He then went to North Carolina State University and became co-captain of a championship freshman team that won 11 games and lost 1. Partel transferred to Springfield College, having played a regular position on the varsity before coming to Hermon. Partel has a promising year before him. Besides coaching, he will teach English and History.

In Memoriam Mrs. Mary L. Houghton

Mrs. Mary L. Houghton of Main street, after thirty-three years resident in this village died Thursday evening, January ninth. She had been in fairly good health except for impaired eyesight and hearing until a few days before Christmas when it became apparent to her companions that the end of her long life was rapidly approaching.

Mrs. Houghton was born, Mary Leora Smith on March 28, 1840 in Goshen, Mass. She was the daughter of John Milton Smith and Orna M. (Dickinson) Smith. Her ancestors, both the Smiths and the Dickinsons were among the first settlers of Northfield, Conn., in 1637. Their wanderings have been traced to Winsted, Conn., and to Hadley, Mass. One ancestor, Capt. Nathaniel Smith, commanded the Militia of the Connecticut Valley settlements and was in charge of the hiding place of Judge Goffe, "regicide" one of the cowards who tried and sentenced King Charles I. Judge Goffe was hiding in Hadley from the vengeance of King Charles II, and appeared during an Indian attack to lead the villagers in repelling the onset. Another ancestor, Obadiah Smith, is mentioned in Cotton Mather's "History of Witchcraft" as having been the victim of witches in that he died at the age of forty-four.

Mary Leora was married to the Rev. John C. Houghton of Harvard, Mass., in 1870. He held pastorates in Island Pond, Benson Cornwall, and Weybridge in Vermont, also home mission charges in Arizona and New Mexico. They were shut up in Globe City, Arizona for nearly a year during the Apache Indian uprising, their outside relatives hearing nothing from them in all that time. Mr. Houghton died in Middlebury, Vt., in 1900. After short residences in New York, Jamaica, B. W. I. and other places, Mrs. Houghton purchased the house in which she died, of Mr. W. R. Moody in 1903. She has often said to the writer that the happiest years of her life were spent here in the surrounding of nature, refinement, and religious atmosphere with all of which she loved and sympathized.

Her surviving relatives, three nephews, nine grand-nieces, and nephews, and twenty-three great grand-nieces and nephews feel a deep gratitude to the members of her household for the loving care with which she has been surrounded; to the kindly interest and attentions of her neighbors—all of which has tended to brighten and add to the interest of her long life.

The memorial service of Saturday afternoon, January ninth, was conducted by the Rev. W. Stanley Carne. Interment was in the Bellevue Cemetery at Harvard, Mass., among seven generations of her husband's family.

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DR. WILL H. HOUGHTON

Well known personages in all phases of Christian work, including Evangelists, ministers, Bible teachers and foreign and home missionaries will address the sessions to be held in the Institute auditorium during the day and in the Moody Memorial Church in the evening.

Preparations have been completed to accommodate the large crowds of alumni, friends, students and others from all parts of the United States and foreign countries that gather for the annual conferences.

Sunday, February 3, will be observed as "Moody Day" in honor of D. L. Moody, founder of the Institute by hundreds of churches throughout the states. This day will also signalize the start of a two-year celebration in observance of the D. L. Moody Centenary and the Institute Jubilee. The Jubilee, to be held during 1936, will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Institute, and the Centenary, to be observed during 1937, will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Moody.

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By THE LITTLE ENGINEER

ARE you an automobile assassin? Do you choke your car until it gasps and dies? Naughty and expensive habit! The choke was placed on the car by the manufacturer to help you—not to hinder you.

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Holding the choke out too long and too far floods the cylinders with raw gasoline. This gasoline washes down the cylinder walls removing the lubricant and results in metal-to-metal contact with its consequent excessive wear. It also puts a very great strain on the battery. Your starter grinds and grinds away and your engine doesn't start—it won't start until you clear the cylinders of the excess gas. Don't drive your car on the theory that if a little gas is good, a lot of gas is better.



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Friday, January 17, 1936

EDITORIAL

Living up to the best newspaper traditions of "getting out the news" despite any obstacles, the *Greenfield Recorder-Gazette* succeeded in issuing every edition, though its plant and equipment were almost destroyed by fire on December 29. Help from neighboring printers and newspapers, plus the fact that its own press, housed in a fireproof concrete ell, escaped damage, made it possible to deliver a full-size paper to every subscriber virtually on time. Congratulations, Mr. Jenks.

The present system of assessed valuation policies varies from town to town. Some assess at 50 per cent of value, some at 80 per cent, some at 100 per cent, and many above 100 per cent of value. A state-wide system of equitable and related valuations must be determined and the fair warranted value of the real estate of the Commonwealth ascertained in order to treat all owners fairly and to distribute proportionately to value the cost of the tax on real estate. Present assessing systems must be revised to meet modern requirements and a state system of valuations must be established to guide local assessors.

The inner beauty of the house of God is in its atmosphere. Some way it is an atmosphere of quietness, of introspection, of wonder, of dreaming of dreams, of aspirations of the mystic communion with the Unseen One. In that atmosphere the deep cloisters of the spirit open to the great Spirit. It is truly the garden of the Lord, the trusting place between the child of God and the Lord of all, the Father who seeth in the secret place. That is the atmosphere the church should cultivate and possess for all men. Let us beware allowing the atmosphere of worship to be pushed into the background in our churches. Let us beware making the church like the world for the world is dominated by materialism.

Consider The Wise Man

Dr. Frank Crane says that, "Wisdom is adjusting one's self to the law." Dr. Crane does not mean the law of the state or the commonwealth, but the higher laws that govern physical, mental and spiritual health. It is only the fool who thinks that he can pit himself against the law and survive. On every side life is confronted by the signs, "Thou shalt not," and rash indeed is that one who ignores the command. Man-made laws can sometimes be circumvented, but Nature accepts no bribery or excuses. He who breaks her laws will find no political backers, no underworld lawyers, no parole boards. The Grand Old Lady is not a sentimentalist, and no plea of ignorance of the law, can upset her decree. And so setting aside all ethical and religious arguments, the man who is wise, knows the law and seeks to adapt himself in all ways, to its configurations. He does not try to change the law, but he fits himself, his desires, his emotions, his likes and dislikes to the pattern approved ages ago. For while civilizations may rise and fall, religious flourish and be forgotten, and man-made laws crumble and disappear, the ancient laws still hold. He who seeks to set aside a physical law, soon finds that his body has lost its ability to carry one, and until the balance is restored, he is maimed and helpless according to the extent of his transgression. He who breaks a mental

law, trifles with that which makes him a man. He gambles with his birthright and loses, for a time and perhaps for the rest of his life, that which sets him above the beasts and reptiles. But he, who in his arrogance, disregards the laws of the spirit, lays waste not alone his soul, but plants the ravens seeds of dissolution in his body and mind. He is a fool, who having wasted his patrimony in riotous living, now must pay, even with all which has, the debt which he has incurred.

But the prodigal may come back, you say. Yes he may come back, but can the bare fact that he has repented and returned home, wipe out those wasted years? Will his body ever forget the husks or the filth of the pigsty? Will his mind be able to escape the groveling, distorted images of his degradation? Will not the echo of turbulence and discord drown out the songs of welcome in his father's house? Can even a father's love and desire give back that which has been willfully destroyed? No. Forever after he will be a maimed thing. The bloom will have been brushed from life. His body will be slower and weaker, more prone to disease and pain. His ears will be dulled to the finer notes of living and his eyes will find little beauty save in that which is tawdry and coarse. He has crippled himself. His father's love may draw him back, but he will find the road stony and rough and the path that he must travel to the end of his days, is snagged and pitted with the results of his indiscretions. But the wise man has early taken account of his strength and strives to conserve it. He travels with the law and not against it. He cares for his body, because it is both his house and his vehicle of expression. He treats his mind with respect and thereby enriches his days. And he feeds his soul and shelters it from evil taint and vulgarity, and it grows and expands in beauty, truth, peace and understanding. He travels in the direction that he is supposed to go and he finds the way neither too steep, nor too rough. And when his days are many, and he must needs seek in a new land, new trails and new tasks, he departs in good cheer; for his affairs are in order, and he is taking back to the Author of Life, more than he received in the beginning.

—Blanche I. Corser

The Back Yard Gardener

I have fallen for the idea of a bowl garden and just as soon as the snow gets off, if it ever does, I'm going to find myself some plants and start a bowl garden. Last week I was visiting Theodor Clark, and he showed me a bowl garden, and it sure inspired me for bigger and better bowl gardens for the balance of the winter.

His garden was about ten inches in diameter, round, and covered with a watch glass as used in laboratories. The principal flower was our common mayflower or trailing arbutus. In the bottom of this very attractive bowl was an inch or so of moist green moss, the true mosses, interspersed with tufts of "Reindeer Moss," the gray lichen of the mosses. There was little else, but what a handsome bowl it made. Of course, I wanted to know how long it took them to bloom after being placed in the bowl. My friend pulled from his pocket a little book, turned through a few pages of recorded notes and read: "Mayflowers collected December tenth." Turning a few more pages he read this, "First blossom opened on mayflowers January second." If we wish to profit by our gardening experiences a note book is a very handy thing. Next year we will both have mayflowers blooming in a bowl on our New Year's table.

There is another very beautiful wild plant that will blossom in a bowl garden. I have in mind the liverleaf, the leaves of which are to be seen close to the ground, tucked away in rich woodland areas. It produces a beautiful lavender-blue flower when transplanted into the bowl garden. Other herbaceous plants one might try for flowering effects are the English and other stemless violets.

And here are a few woody plants from which twigs may be secured that frequently will produce flowers in the bowl; for-

sythia (this will blossom in ten days in a vase of water under ordinary conditions), pussy willow, alder, poplar and hazel. Small berried twigs of barberry will soon produce fresh green leaves in a bowl, adding their bit of color.

Of course, one may always use the attractive partridge berry for color in a bowl. Then there is the rattlesnake plantain, the little orchid with its attractive variegated white veined leaf that adds a great deal to a bowl. Last fall Clark said he dug a little clump of this in the woods and planted it in a small bowl. At the same time he dug with the rattlesnake plantain a crown of native columbine, and it has now filled the bowl with its lacy delicate foliage.

He also finds that many of the small rock ferns, club mosses, or pigeon wheat moss may be used to make the bowl more interesting.

—M. S. C.

Unemployment And The Townsend Plan

Among the economic questions that may be set up for discussion and solution two are especially prominent. One is as old as the idea of property, the other is new. The former deals with the just distribution of wealth, the latter with unemployment due to mechanical efficiency.

Since mankind first placed a value on things the strong have exploited the weak, the few have taken to themselves the products from the labor of the many. For ages, down almost to our own day, this meant also the ownership or control of the laborers in some form of slavery. This was economic savagery, no matter how great a civilization may have been built upon it.

The abolition of slavery carries with it the corollary that the freeman owns the product of his labor. But we have not gone far in the application of this principle. Those who have succeeded the slave driver of the past, and who seek to own as much as possible and control all, nowadays direct their efforts to leaving with the people who create wealth the smallest portion that will keep them pacified, and use great skill in keeping the multitude divided on side issues, so they may not unite in real rebellion. This predatory minority is so successful that on the average the laborer receives in wages only about one-fifth of the wealth he creates, and 90 per cent of the nation's property is in the hands of 10 per cent of the people. This is economic barbarism, only one step above the economic savagery of slavery, and defended by much the same arguments.

Our industrial revolution may be dated from the invention of the steam engine. Its effect on employment was perhaps first felt when workmen of Lancashire smashed the spinning-jennies that threw so many of them out of work more than a hundred years ago. Since then this form of unemployment has steadily increased. For nearly a hundred years other influences, such as national expansion, growth of human wants, increase of trade, could absorb labor as fast as it was set free. That time is past. The frontier is nearly gone and national expansion is slowing up. Inventive skill can meet human wants faster than those wants can grow, and there is no hope in world trade. One of two opportunities could use two as fast as industry could let one go; now mechanical efficiency can let out two for every one that can find a new place. The result is an army of permanently unemployed, more than 9,000,000 out of work in Nov. 1934, more than 9,000,000 out of work in Nov. 1935. Gen Hugh Johnson places the number at

9,000,000, even when we reach a period of maximum production. What chance has any working man for good wages with such a multitude clamoring for means of support? What chance is there of any real prosperity so long as this army and its dependents can have no share?

The first problem is as old as mankind and may be stated as the problem of applying democratic principles to our economic life, as we have to personal, civil and religious matters. It cannot be easily and quickly solved. The Townsend Plan is not offered as a complete solution of this difficult question. It does divert a portion of the newly created wealth into a use far more helpful to mankind than the fate of being gathered into the coffers, already too full, of those who are skillful in the art of getting something for nothing. But its relation to the main problem is more like the treatment given by the physician to keep up the patient's strength while nature and medical skill fight the disease.

The Townsend Plan meets the problem of technical unemployment squarely and solves it effectively. It proposes the fairest method of taxation yet devised. It lifts the load of old people from the shoulders of the people. It takes those whose physical powers are beginning to wane out of the ranks of labor and leaves room for younger people. It transforms old people from stagnating back water of humanity into an active agency in promoting prosperity. It provides wide-spread buying power, leading to active production, general employment and better wages. Neither the administration nor the opposition have any program for meeting this situation. The more people realize the seriousness of unemployment due to mechanical efficiency the more surely they will turn to the Townsend Plan as the only adequate remedy in sight.

The Prosperity Revolving Trust Fund of the Townsend Plan is to old people back pay, theirs by right; to the young and middle-aged a reservoir of good wages, theirs for the earning.

D. F. C.

Jewels

I sat in silent rapture As the sun shone on the snow To see the beautiful jewels God scatters to and fro;

Jewels of many colors Opals, sapphires, and diamonds too, Freely given to remind us There's nothing God wouldn't do.

That all might share the glory Of jewels bright and rare; The man in the lowly cottage Equally, with the multimillionaire

Alike God bestows his blessings Upon the poor and rich— Upon the Saints and sinners That He might all enrich.

—Bertha S. Lazelle

The Lord's House

Here in this Narrow House Is Christ the Lord! He, Very God and Man, He, the Incarnate Word, By Saints and Seraphim, And sinners, too, adored.

Here little children kneel, Scarce knowing what they say, Here Saints, unknown as yet, Come day by day. Here sinners agonize, And go in peace away.

And Saints and sinners all, Like children without fear May freely speak to Him, Well knowing He doth hear. For in this Narrow House Christ draweth very near!

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COMING EVENTS

Civic Religious Social

Items are published in this column without charge. They should include besides the date, the time place and sponsor of each event.

January 17 - Friday, 3 p. m.

Fortnightly club meeting, Alexander Hall.

January 20 - Monday, 6:30 p. m.

Garden club, Mrs. M. E. Vorce.

January 21 - Tuesday, 6:30 p. m.

Brotherhood, Congregational church.

January 24 - Friday, 8:00 p. m.

Fortnightly at Homestead.

January 29 - Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Installation of Officers, Order of Eastern Star at Masonic Hall.

January 30 - Thursday, 8 p. m.

President's ball, Armory, at Greenfield.

February 3 - Monday, Town Meeting.

February 7 - Friday, Town Hall.

P. T. A. Entertainment aid of Seniors' Washington trip.

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Robert Bruce will again speak at the Adventist Church in Brattleboro next Sunday, both morning and evening.

Ernest W. Dunklee is at Montpelier attending the sessions of the Legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris spent last Sunday with friends in Fitchburg.

Last Monday evening the Pond P. T. A. held a business meeting at the Pond schoolhouse which was followed by an entertainment and social hour. Refreshments were served.

Tuesday evening a card party was held at the Pond schoolhouse by the Pond P. T. A. Richard Coll and Miss Lane won first prizes and Miss Sullivan won the consolation prize. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Emery.

VICTORIA THEATRE

Greenfield

Friday - Saturday, January 17-18, Douglas Montgomery in "Harmony Lane" based on the life of Stephen Collins Foster — also "Men of the Hour" with Richard Cromwell, Billie Seward.

Sunday thru Wednesday, January 19-22, "Kind Lady" with Aline MacMahon, Basil Rathbone.

Also "She Married Her Boss" with Claudette Colbert.

THE SHEA THEATRE

Turners Falls

Friday-Saturday, January 17-18, Marx Brothers in "Night at the Opera."

Sunday-Monday, "Thanks A Million" with Dick Powell, Ann Dvorak.

Tuesday, Pauline Lord in "A Feather in Her Hat."

Wednesday-Thursday, "I found Stella Parish" with Kay Francis, Paul Lukas. Also "Ship Cafe" with Carl Brisson.

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